Reduction of hands in the Revenue Department, Bellary.

780 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. Saiyid Ibrahim Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of hands reduced in the Revenue Department, Bellary, by way of retrenchment; and

(*b*) the period or periods during which each of such men remained in service?

A.—(*a*) It is presumed the hon. Member refers to the reduction of staff consequent on the redistribution of divisional and taluk charges. Proposition statements have been called for.

(*b*) The Government have no information. The practice is as far as possible not to remove from service any man holding a permanent post.

Stipends to students of Agricultural College.

781 Q.—Khan Sahib A. P. I. Saiyid Ibrahim Ravuttar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased—

(*a*) to state the amount saved in reducing the stipends extended to the Agricultural College students;

(*b*) to place on the table a progressive report showing the prospects held out to the students after the completion of the course; the number of students on the roll, and the examination results of last year; and

(*c*) to state the number of students now receiving stipends?

A.—(*a*) & (*c*) There has been no reduction in the amount of stipends granted at the Agricultural College.

(*b*) & (*c*) The prospects open but not guaranteed to the students are published at page 481, et seq. of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 16th May 1922. The results of the last year's examination are also published at pages 482 and 975 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 16th May 1922 and 19th December 1922, respectively.

A report has been called for as to the number of students on the rolls and as to those receiving stipends at present.

Communal representation among deputy collectors, tahsildars and deputy tahsildars.

782 Q.—Saiyid Muhammad Padsha Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table a tabular statement showing—

(*a*) the number of Brahmans, non-Brahman Hindus, Muhammadans and Christians appointed during the current official year and the previous two years as deputy collectors, tahsildars and deputy tahsildars; and

(*b*) the number of Brahmans, non-Brahman Hindus, Muhammadans and Christians in Government service who are qualified to hold each of the said posts?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to paragraph 6 of G.O. No. 658, Public, dated the 15th August 1922, which has been placed on the Editors' Table.